

What is next for MSIP?

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Who determines the standards for MSIP?

Teachers, administrators, state education organizations, and DESE program staff make suggestions for changes to the MSIP standards and indicators. The MSIP Statewide Advisory Committee reviews suggestions, as well as legislation that impact MSIP and recommends changes to the MSIP standards and indicators. MSIP staff provide recommendations to the State Board of Education which formally approves the MSIP standards.

2. Will the MSIP standards change in the fourth cycle?

The MSIP Statewide Advisory Committee developed and approved proposed changes to the MSIP standards for the fourth cycle in the Spring of 2003. These proposed changes to the standards and indicators were minimal and can be found on the DESE Website at: <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/sia/msip/index.html> .

3. How will the performance standards change in the fourth cycle?

Performance will continue to be the focus of MSIP after the third cycle. The MSIP performance standards will change minimally, but it is likely that the measurements of performance indicators will change. The scoring guide methods outlined in the procedures handbook are currently being evaluated. Data analyses are also being conducted to determine the best way to incorporate the requirements of No Child Left Behind, particularly in regards to the MAP grade level testing, into the fourth cycle of MSIP. Proposed changes to the MSIP standards and indicators can be found on the DESE Website at: <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/sia/msip/index.html> .

4. Will Adequate Yearly Progress be incorporated into MSIP?

Current plans call for AYP, as required by No Child Left Behind, to become one of the academic performance indicators in the accreditation process in the fourth cycle of MSIP (starting with the 2006-07 school year). However, we are mindful that AYP measures performance in a different manner than MSIP, and we will consider this fact in making AYP part of a district's overall accreditation status.

5. Are MSIP calculations the same as AYP calculations?

No. This is an important issue, and there are important differences between the state and federal requirements. The Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) includes all of the state standards that are used in the evaluation and accreditation of school districts. MAP scores are a critical component of the

academic performance indicators that are used in the MSIP process.

One of the main differences between MSIP and AYP calculations involves the Level Not Determined (LND) statistic. For MSIP purposes, students with disabilities who take the MAP-A exam are included in the LND calculation. For AYP purposes these students are not counted in the LND category, but these students are included in the accountable category.

For several years, Missouri school districts have been required to test at least 90% of the students at each grade level in order for the test scores of that grade level to be “counted” for accreditation purposes. Now, as a result of No Child Left Behind, schools are being required to test at least 95% of all students (and each subgroup) in order to achieve AYP.

School officials need to be aware of the differences between the current MSIP scoring procedures and those required for AYP purposes. Please review the *Understanding Your APR* document that is available on the DESE’s Web site regarding the Missouri School Improvement Program.

6. Will MSIP waivers be part of the fourth cycle?

Waivers will still be part of the fourth cycle of MSIP, but it is likely that the MSIP waiver process may change. As waivers evolve throughout the third cycle of MSIP, it is likely that about one-half of the districts scheduled for an on-site review will be eligible for an MSIP waiver. Additional data analyses are being conducted to determine the waiver process for fourth cycle.

7. When will more information regarding the fourth cycle of MSIP be available?

Once details of the new MAP testing, as well as the MSIP performance standards have been outlined, more information regarding fourth cycle will be available. As information becomes available, it will be posted on the “Fourth Cycle Bulletin Board” on the DESE Website:

<http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/sia/msip/index.html>. Currently, we plan to bring findings from the data study to the MSIP Statewide Subcommittees for recommendation early in 2004.

8. What is the timeline for implementation of the fourth cycle standards?

MSIP 4th Cycle Timeline

<i>March 2002 - January 2003</i>	Statewide subcommittees meet to consider changes to Integrated Standards and Indicators and Fourth Cycle Procedures Manuals. (Mail draft proposals and by February 10, 2003, to MSIP/SC.)
<i>March 2003</i>	MSIP Statewide Committee meets to consider changes to Integrated Standards and Indicators Manual.
<i>June 2003-February 2004</i>	Proposed changes for Fourth Cycle Performance measures gathered and data analyses conducted.
<i>March-April 2004</i>	Performance Subcommittee meets to discuss performance changes.
<i>April 2004</i>	MSIP Statewide Committee meets to consider performance changes.
<i>April 2004</i>	Present fourth cycle information to the State Board of Education.
<i>April 2004 – August 2004</i>	Place draft copies on the Web and solicit comments concerning changes from districts and other stakeholders.
<i>April 2004 – November 2004</i>	Solicit and consider changes to District Response to the Standards Form, On-site Report Writing Form, Advance Questionnaire, and draft comments along with preliminary Impact Study. (Mail draft proposals by November 15, 2004, to MSIP/SC.)
<i>December 2004</i>	MSIP Statewide Committee meets to consider and approve final draft copy of 4 th Cycle Standards and Indicators Manual and MSIP Procedures Manual.
<i>January 2005</i>	Proposed Standards and Indicators Manual to State Board.
<i>January 2005 – May 2005</i>	MSIP staff prepares District Response to the Standard Form, On-site Report Writing Form, Advance Questionnaires and other documents needed to implement 4 th Cycle MSIP. (Mail to first year 4 th cycle districts by June 30, 2005). Pilot District Response to the Standards, Advance Questionnaire and other procedures with districts preparing for 4 th Cycle Reviews in 2006-2007.
<i>February 2005</i>	Begin rulemaking process.
<i>May 2005</i>	State Board adopts Standards and Indicators Manual.
<i>June 2005</i>	Approved Standards and Indicators and 4 th Cycle Procedures Handbooks posted to DESE Web-site; hard copy of Standards and Indicators Manual sent to districts.
<i>October 2005</i>	Conduct Impact Study of draft scoring guide rubrics and make possible adjustments.
<i>April 2006</i>	First year 4 th cycle districts to complete AQ.
<i>July 1, 2006</i>	Begin MSIP 4 th Cycle. Reviews begin in October.